GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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LITERACY RATE OF MUSLIMS
Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the national literacy rate of Muslims at present in the country is 59 per cent as compared to national average of 65 percent;

(b) if so, the reasons for low literacy rate among Muslims in the country;and

(c) the strategy chalked out by the Government to bring the literacy rate among Muslims at par with national average?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D.PURANDEShwari)

(a): Yes sir.

(b)&(c): According to the High Level Committee on the Social, Economic and Educational status of the Muslim Community of India (Justice(Retd.)Sachar Committee), there are many socio-economic reasons for the low level of literacy among Muslims. The Action Plan suggested by a High Level Committee set up by this Ministry for implementing the recommendations regarding education contained in the Justice(Retd) Shri Rajinder Sachar Committee repon will be included in the XI Plan to the extent resources permit, as and when the Plan is finalised .